

NEW ORLEANS TO VENICE, LA HURRICANE PROTECTION PROJECT



- **Project Status:**
- Minimal Engineering & Design work underway
- **Project Cost:** \$253 M
- **Scheduled Completion:**
Dependent on funding
- **Project FY 06 Funds Required:** \$7.2M
- **President's Budget:** \$0
- **Projects Issues:** No funding will stop all work & impact deficient levees





Project Fact Sheet

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New Orleans to Venice, Louisiana Hurricane Protection Project

PROJECT AUTHORITY: The project was authorized under PL 874-87, October 23, 1962 as the Mississippi River Delta at and below New Orleans, Louisiana and changed to New Orleans to Venice after authorization.

PROJECT SPONSORS: The local sponsor is Plaquemines Parish Government (PPG).

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located along the east bank of the Mississippi River from Phoenix, Louisiana, (approximately 28 miles southeast of New Orleans) down to Bohemia, Louisiana, and along the west bank of the river from St. Jude, Louisiana, (approximately 39 miles southeast of New Orleans) down to the vicinity of Venice, Louisiana.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The project will provide protection from hurricane tidal overflow for 100-year frequency storms. The protected area encompasses approximately 75% of the population and 75% of the improved lands in the lower Mississippi River delta region.

PROJECT FEATURES: The project consists of the following:

West Bank

St. Jude to City Price - 3 miles of enlarged back levees from St. Jude to City Price

Reach A - 13 miles of enlarged back levees from City Price to Tropical Bend and two 54" flap-gated culverts

Reach B-1 - 12 miles of enlarged back levees from Tropical Bend to Fort Jackson and a floodgate at Empire

Reach B-2 - 9 miles of enlarged back levees from Fort Jackson to Venice

West Bank River Levee(WBRL) - 34 miles of enlarged west bank Mississippi River levees from City Price to Venice

East Bank

Reach C - 16 miles of enlarged back levees from Phoenix to Bohemia and 10 flap-gated culverts

PROJECT COSTS: The current approved project cost is \$253,000,000. The project is cost shared (70/30) with PPG, the local sponsor. The Federal share is \$177,000,000 and the non-Federal share is \$76,000,000.

PROJECT BUDGET/SCHEDULE: The project is approximately 84% physically complete in FY 2005. The President's budget was 2.965 m, our capability was \$6.6 million and Congress appropriated \$2.965 million. However, after savings and slippage, the project allocation (work allowance) is \$2.6 million. For FY 2006, the President's budget is zero and the capability is \$7.2 million. No funding in FY06 will stop all work on the project and impact deficient Mississippi River levees that currently require 2nd enlargement construction. Capability funding will allow continued work on the project without further delays or impacts.

ISSUES: Funding required for FY2006 is \$7.2 million. Budgeted funds of zero will stop all work, impact deficient levees, and continue to extend the project completion date.